

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention pertains to a klop skate with pushing and pulling capabilities. In one alternate, the skate includes a glide member (110) for traversing a surface. The skate includes a shoe portion (112) for receiving a skater's foot. The skate 5 has a base secured to the shoe portion (112) and underlying the received foot. The skate has a base lever (114) secured to the shoe portion base. The base lever (114) has a forward end portion and a forward base attachment structure (124) defined by the forward end portion. The base lever (114) has a longitudinal base lever axis aligned with a longitudinal axis of the received foot. The skate also includes an elongate frame (116) for 10 mounting the glide member (110). The frame has a longitudinal axis, a forward end portion, and a forward frame attachment structure (136). The skate has a canted hinge (126) for connecting the forward end portion of the base lever (114) to the forward end portion of the frame (116). Upon pivoting of the base lever (114) with respect to the frame (116), a plane passing through the longitudinal axis of the base lever (114) defines 15 an angle of canting with respect to a frame plane that extends vertically upward through the longitudinal frame axis. In another alternate, the skate includes a flexible connector (422) coupled to a cuff (420) and the forward end of the frame (406). The cuff (420) is attached to the lower leg of the skate wearer and the forward end attachment point is forward of the frame pivoting axis (410). Tensioning the connector (422) by flexing the 20 foot distally causes the frame (406) to open relative to the base (402) which allows the skate-wearer to selectively hold the frame (406) in the open position. In another alternate, the skate includes a base (502) having a forefoot region (504) with an integral spring having a flex region (520) of zero bias strength, which allows the skate-wearer to hold the skate frame (508) open. In another alternate, the skate can include a biasing 25 device 612 to bias the frame 604 away from the base 602.